AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating the telecommunication equipment ordering process, the method comprising:

creating a telecommunication equipment order record including a telecommunication equipment order number, a project number, equipment data, accounting data, schedule data, supplier data and shipping data, wherein the creating includes populating the order record in response to input from a creator;

transmitting the accounting data to an accounting system for verification of the accounting data, the verification of accounting data including verifying that budgetary data and accounting fields are in an acceptable format and within expected data ranges for the accounting system;

receiving a verification status from the accounting system, wherein the verification status is positive if the accounting data is located in the accounting system, and the verification status is negative if the accounting data is not located in the accounting system;

releasing the order record into an order database accessible by users in response to the verification status being positive and to a request from the creator;

updating the order record in response to the verification status being negative and to input from the creator; and

resubmitting the order record to the accounting system in response to the updating.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating further includes copying an existing order record.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the existing order record is a template.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the order record is a template.

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5. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the accounting data includes a work identification and asset category code.

6. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the accounting data includes a geographic location code and a common language location identifier.

7. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein:
the supplier data includes a supplier code.

8. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 7 wherein the method further comprises adding a new supplier code to a supplier code table.

9. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 7 further comprising searching for the supplier code in a supplier code table and notifying the creator if the supplier code is not located in the supplier code table.

10. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the verification of the accounting data is performed during data entry of the accounting data by the creator.

11. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the accounting data includes a geographic location code and one or more common language location identifiers associated with the geographic location code.

12. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 further comprising validating the equipment data against a standard equipment configuration.

13. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12 wherein the standard equipment configuration is accessed via a configuration application system.

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14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the equipment data includes equipment type;

the accounting data includes geographic location code, common language location identifier, and a work identification and asset category code;

the schedule data includes order due date, ship date, start date, advance date, complete date, service date, building ready date, retire date and remove date;

the supplier data includes supplier code, supplier contact and supplier contract number;

the shipping data includes ship to code, papers to code, bill to code, consolidated order, shipping method, ship with special authority and package marking; and

the order record further includes a completion notice code, an advance location common language location identifier code, an advance note, a location note and an order description.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

creating a project record corresponding to the project number, the project record including the project number and project accounting data;

transmitting the project accounting data to the accounting system for verification of the project accounting data;

receiving a verification status from the accounting system, wherein the verification status is positive if the project accounting data is located in the accounting system, and the verification status is negative if the project accounting data is not located in the accounting system;

releasing the project record into an order database accessible by users in response to the verification status being positive and to a request from the creator;

updating the project record in response to the verification status being negative and to input from the creator; and

resubmitting the project record to the accounting system in response to the updating.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the creating further includes copying the project record from an existing project record.

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17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the project record includes an authorization number input by the creator.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the project accounting data includes geographic location code, common language location identifier and a work identification and asset category code; and the project record further includes project type, contact, OC code, authorization number, project description, advance date, and complete date.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the order record corresponds to one or more detail records, wherein each of the detail records include the project number, the order number, a vendor code, detail accounting data, item data, major material cost data, telephone company engineering dollars data, vendor engineering dollars data, vendor installation dollars data and vendor minor material dollars data.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving input parameters from a report requestor;
creating a report responsive to the input parameters and to data included in the order database; and
transmitting the report to the report requestor.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the report includes the accounting data.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the report includes the schedule data.

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